

REMARKS

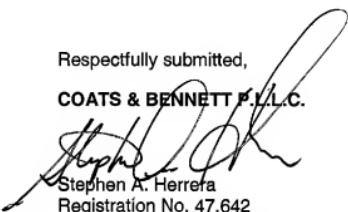
Applicant submits the following claim amendments prior to examination on the merits for consideration by the Examiner. The amendments cancel the existing claims 1-12, and add new claims 13-29. New claims 13-24 are substantially similar to (now cancelled) claims 1-12, but are written to ensure that the language of the claims comports with U.S. practice. Claims 25-29 have been added to depend either directly or indirectly from claim 24. Support for claims 25-29 can be found, for example, on page 12 of the specification and in Figure 4. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the amendments prior to examination on the merits, and issue a notice of allowance for all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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